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TAGS: CGEN (MAKSIMOV, V.L.)

SUBJ: MAKISMOV INCIDENT

REF: MOSCOW 3584

1. SUMMARY OF POLICE REPORTS ON MAKSIMOV INCIDENT ARE
AS FOLLOWS:

2. AT ABOUT 2145 HOURS ON MARCH 14, 1975, IN 17TH
PRECINCT, KIM CHEN, TAXI DRIVER FOR YANKEE SERVICE
CORPORATION, PARKED HIS TAXI AT 40TH STREET AND
LEXINGTON AVENUE TO MAKE PHONE CALL. HE LEFT MOTOR
RUNNING. MAKSIMOV ALLEGEDLY GOT INTO FRONT SEAT OF
CAB AND DROVE AWAY.

3. FEW MINUTES LATER, AT INTERSECTION OF AMSTERDAM
AVE AND WEST 74TH STR, ROBERT FARKAS, DRIVING A 1974
RED CHEVROLET, INFORMED POLICE THAT A TAXI HAD HIT HIS
CAR AND LEFT SCENE OF ACCIDENT. POLICE FOLLOWED CAR,
ACCOMPANIED BY FARKAS, AND DIRECTED OPERATOR OF TAXI (MAKSIMOV)
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TO STOP. TAXI, ALONG WITH OTHER PARTIES, WHO WERE

PLACED IN POLICE CAR, WAS TAKEN TO 20TH PRECINCT STATION HOUSE SO THAT FACTS OF ACCIDENT COULD BE INVESTIGATED AND NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN.

4. AT ABOUT 2220 HOURS, AT 20TH PRECINCT, VIKTOR MAKSIMOV WAS ARRESTED FOR GRAND LARCENY (AUTO), CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY, LEAVING SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT AND DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

5. WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED BY A POLICE SERGEANT THAT MAKSIMOV WAS INTOXICATED, HE WAS BROUGHT TO 25TH PRECINCT TO TAKE CHEMICAL TESTS. HE REFUSED TO TAKE CHEMICAL TESTS AND ALSO REFUSED TO BE FINGERPRINTED.

6. INTOXICATED DRIVER EXAMINATION FORM INDICATED MAKSIMOV'S FACE WAS FLUSHED, EYES BLOODSHOT, SPEECH SLURRED, AND HE COULD NOT KEEP HIS BALANCE AND SWAYED UNSTEADILY. HOWEVER, HIS CLOTHES WERE ORDERLY, HE WAS COOPERATIVE, HE WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE A FINGER-TO-NOSE TEST AND WAS ABLE TO PICK UP COINS FROM FLOOR.

7. MAKSIMOV CLAIMED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, BUT POLICE DETERMINED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE IMMUNITY. HE WAS TAKEN TO MAHATTAN CRIMINAL COURT, PART AR-1, AND ARRAIGNED BEFORE JUDGE HERTZ. HE WAS RELEASED IN HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE FOR PRE-TRIAL HEARING ON MARCH 20, 1975.

8. MISOFF ASKED COMMANDING OFFICER AT 20TH PRECINCT FOR ANSWERS TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO MAKSIMOV ARREST. POLICE OFFICER ADVISED THAT POLICE ARE CERTAIN MAKSIMOV WAS INTOXICATED. FURTHER, MAKSIMOV COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN BACK SEAT OF CAB AS CLAIMED BY SOVIETS, SINCE HE WAS DRIVING CAB.
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